



## NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

This evening, Congressional Republicans released the final text of their tax plan, a massive giveaway to the wealthiest individuals and largest corporations that will raise taxes on millions of working families. This bill, written and negotiated in secret, explodes the deficit and sets the stage for dangerous cuts to critical programs such as Medicare. Republicans did not accept a single Democratic amendment and have moved forward with a partisan plan without any effort to include Democrats or the people we represent in the process. I will continue to stand against this bill that will hurt Granite Staters while giving enormous tax breaks to millionaires.

### **Supporting opioid prevention efforts on college campuses:**

On Tuesday, I secured unanimous bipartisan support for my [amendment](#) requiring colleges and universities to adopt drug- and alcohol-abuse prevention programs that specifically address the opioid crisis. There's more we can be doing to confront substance use and opioid addiction on college campuses. From my conversations with Granite State parents, young people, educators, first responders, and medical professionals, one common theme stands out: We need an all-hands-on-deck approach to fighting the opioid crisis. With this amendment, we can make sure higher education institutions will be part of the solution.



### **Protecting net neutrality**

Net neutrality is the simple principle that lawful content on the Internet should be equally accessible to everyone, and that Internet service providers should not be allowed to discriminate against some content providers. Without the guarantee of net neutrality, the Internet superhighway's rules of the road will favor big businesses over newer startups. I strongly oppose the shameful FCC vote yesterday to repeal net neutrality rules, and I will work to restore the internet protections that American consumers expect and deserve. The Internet has allowed the proud tradition of American ingenuity and entrepreneurship to reach every corner of the globe. Its openness has enabled a new generation of New Hampshire innovators to turn a bright idea and a laptop into a business. We can't stand by as the FCC and big corporations steal our right to equal access. I've cosponsored Congressional Review Act legislation that, if passed, would block the FCC's actions.

### **Improving access to VA services for Seacoast veterans**

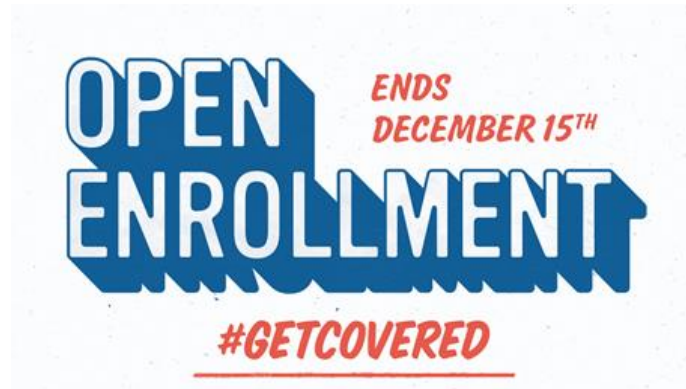
On Wednesday, I announced a new partnership between the VA Medical Center in Manchester and Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester that will allow VA providers to perform Gastrointestinal procedures for veterans at Frisbie. In September, I [recommended](#) that the VA consider expanding its public/private model to the Seacoast and North Country regions, so that more New Hampshire veterans can receive VA care close to home. The VA launched its first such New Hampshire partnership, with Manchester's Catholic Medical Center, in August. The VA's partnership with Frisbie is an important interim step toward ensuring that all New Hampshire veterans can get needed care locally. Access to VA services at Frisbie will help the nearly 16,000 veterans residing in Carroll and Strafford Counties access care closer to home, and it will allow the Manchester VA Medical Center to keep focusing on needed improvements. Thank you to Al Montoya, Acting Director at the Manchester VA, and to all those at the VA and Frisbie who worked to stand up this important program for Seacoast veterans.

## Protecting the Special Counsel investigation

Congressional Republicans continued their dangerous rhetoric this week threatening the special counsel investigation. As President Trump's allies continue to try to undermine this investigation, it is important that we stand up to protect the independence of the special counsel, so he can follow the facts, wherever they lead. That's why I have cosponsored the bipartisan [Special Counsel Independence Protection Act](#) introduced by Sen. Graham and Rep. Jackson-Lee, which would only allow the Justice Department to remove Mueller if a court determines there was misconduct.

## The deadline to sign up for health insurance is midnight tonight!

I encourage anyone in New Hampshire who buys their own insurance or who doesn't currently have coverage to visit [HealthCare.Gov](#) to see if they are eligible for financial help this year. Because [HealthCare.Gov](#) plan prices are tied to family income, more than half of potential Granite State enrollees will be able to find a 2018 plan for \$75 or less per month. Evaluating insurance options can be confusing, but trained professionals listed at [localhelp.healthcare.gov](#) are ready to help New Hampshire families navigate this year's options.



## Remembering Sandy Hook:

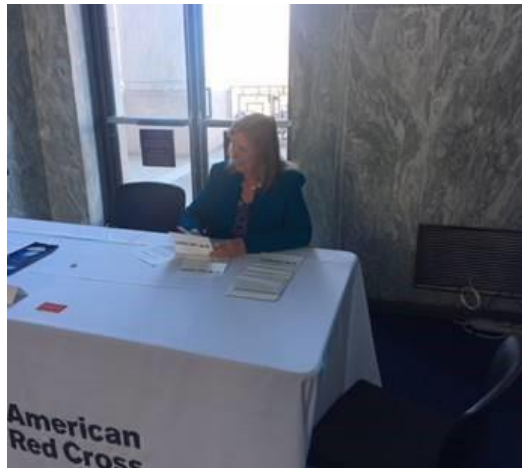
This was a difficult week, as we remembered the five-year anniversary of the Sandy Hook shooting. Five years ago, a gunman shot and killed 20 little children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I am still praying for the families of those sweet six- and seven-year olds, who should be happy sixth graders right now. After Sandy Hook, parents and communities across the country advocated for safer gun laws, but five years later, the Congressional majority continues to ignore their call to action. The failure of Republican Congressional leadership to act while 1,500 mass shootings have occurred on American soil since that awful December day is both immoral and inexcusable. But even after five years of inaction, I still have faith that the American people will keep their voices raised until Congress is forced to listen and pass laws to stop this sequence of avoidable tragedies, and to spare American families from such unimaginable grief.

## Closing thoughts

It was a pleasure to present the silver and bronze Congressional medals to Tanner from Stratham for his community spirit, dedication, and hard work to complete the goals he set for himself as a participant in this wonderful program for young Americans. Congratulations Tanner!



This week, I also had the opportunity to participate in the Red Cross's Holiday Mail for Heroes program to write postcards to our servicemembers, veterans, and their families. Thank you to all those serving in our Armed Forces, our veterans, and their families!



Best Wishes,

*Carol Shea-Porter*

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Member of Congress

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**Recent Press Releases**

- [Shea-Porter Statement on FCC's Vote to Repeal Net Neutrality](#)
- [Shea-Porter, Manchester VA Medical Center Announce New Partnership with Frisbie Memorial Hospital](#)
- [Shea-Porter Statement on the Fifth Anniversary of the Sandy Hook Shooting](#)
- [Shea-Porter Amendment Requiring Colleges, Universities to Address Opioid Crisis Adopted by House Education and Workforce Committee](#)

## ICYMI

### [House Democrat in Trump district endorses impeachment](#)

**The Hill // Cristina Marcos**

One of the 12 House Democrats who represents a district won by President Trump in 2016 is now endorsing articles of impeachment. In supporting impeachment, Shea-Porter cited comments from Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tenn.) warning that Trump is not fit for office. "Many Members of Congress, including myself, agree with Republican Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker that President Trump poses a dangerous threat to national security and the future of our democracy," Shea-Porter said in a statement. "I believe it is past time for Members of Congress to put country before party and bring these discussions out into the open," she added.

### ['An Egregious Attack on Our Democracy': Local Lawmakers Sound Off on FCC's Net Neutrality Vote](#)

**NECN // Marc Fortier**

New England politicians were quick to react Thursday to the Federal Communications Commission's vote to unravel sweeping net-neutrality rules that guaranteed equal access to the internet. Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter, said she strongly opposes the result of the vote and will work to restore net neutrality protections. "The Internet has allowed the proud tradition of American ingenuity and entrepreneurship to reach every corner of the globe," she said. "Its openness has enabled a new generation of New Hampshire innovators to turn a bright idea and a laptop into a business. We can't stand by as the FCC and big corporations steal our right to equal access."

### [Veterans hospital forms partnership to aid Seacoast veterans](#)

**AP // Staff**

New Hampshire's veterans hospital has launched a new partnership with a Seacoast hospital to provide gastrointestinal procedures to veterans. Congresswoman Carol Shea-Porter says the VA Medical Center's partnership with Frisbie Memorial Hospital in Rochester is an important interim step toward ensuring that all New Hampshire veterans can get needed care locally. The partnership

comes after Shea-Porter, a Democrat, recommended the VA consider expanding its public-private model to the Seacoast and North Country regions.

### Health study on PFC exposure moves forward

**Portsmouth Herald // Jeff McMenemy**

U.S. Rep. Carol Shea-Porter, D-N.H., as a member of the House Armed Services Committee, led efforts in the House to include the health study in the final defense bill. “Community members who live near contaminated sites deserve answers about how they and their children may be affected by PFCs, and guidance on what steps they can and should take to protect their health,” she said. “The study is a major step toward getting our community members the answers they deserve.”



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